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SUBJECT: HONDURAN SUGAR MARKET

REFS: A) STATE 279327; B) TEGUCIGALPA 0080

1. DONALDO SUAZO, MANAGER OF COMPANIA AZUCARERA HONDURENA, HAS MADE PUBLIC SUGAR INDUSTRY CONCERN REGARDING WIDE-SPREAD SMUGGLING OF SUGAR FROM HONDURAS TO EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA DURING PAST FEW MONTHS. SUAZO SAID SMUGGLING HAS RESULTED IN "APPARENT SCARCITY" OF COMMODITY IN HONDURAS DESPITE FACT THAT SUPPLY LEAVING MILLS FOR DOMESTIC MARKET "SHOULD SATISFY DEMAND." SCARCITY, ACCORDING TO SUAZO, HAS CAUSED HONDURAN INTERNAL PRICE PER POUND TO REACH US\$0.15, FOR CENTS ABOVE OFFICIAL MAXIMUM. SMUGGLING RESULTS FROM FACT THAT QUINTAL OF SUGAR IN HONDURAS IS CONTROLLED AT WHOLESALE LEVEL AT US\$9.50 WHILE PRICE IN NICARAGUA IS US\$15 AND US\$12.50 IN EL SALVADOR.

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2. COMMENT: IF SMUGGLING NOT REDUCED SUBSTANTIALY,

ADDITIONAL 6,000 SHORT TONS WHICH HONDURAS HAD PLANNED
TO EXPORT IN 1975 (PROBABLY TO U.S., SEE REF. B) MAY
BE UNAVAILABLE FOR EXPORT. FUTHERMORE, IN EXTREME, THE
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT HONDURAS MAY HAVE TO IMPORT SUGAR
IN CY 1975. END COMMENT
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